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SUBJECT: PRESS TREATMENT OF PEACE PROCESS

SUMMARY. PRESS APRIL 4 PROMINENTLY COVERS SADAT'S  
REMARK THAT HE WELCOMES ANOTHER VISIT FROM WEIZMAN.  
SADAT DECLINED TO COMPARE BEGIN WITH WEIZMAN BUT THEN  
PROCEEDED DESCRIBE LATTER AS MAN "SINCERE FOR PEACE  
AS MUCH AS FOR HIS COUNTRY". PRIME MINISTER NOT  
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CATEGORIZED. SADAT WANTS ISRAELI MOVEMENT TO GET  
PEACE PROCESS GOING. PRESS CONTINUES COVERAGE TEL  
AVIV DEMONSTRATION, WHICH KAMEL DESCRIBED AS "HEALTHY  
SIGN" SOME IN ISRAEL UNDERSTAND MEANING OF REAL PEACE.  
DEMONSTRATION SEEN AS FACTOR TO EXPLOIT IN INCREASING  
GAP BETWEEN BEGIN GOVERNMENT AND CARTER ADMINISTRATION.  
ON SOUTH LEBANON PAPERS NOTE KAMEL'S REQUEST FOR U.S.

TO GET IMMEDIATE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL. U.S. HIT FOR CONTINUING ARM ISRAEL, DESPITE ILLEGAL USE AMERICAN WEAPONS. END SUMMARY.

1. SADAT. PRESS APRIL 4 FRONT-PAGED SADAT'S ANSWERS TO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ON POSSIBLE WEIZMAN VISIT, WHICH PRESIDENT "WELCOMED". SADAT WANTS MOVEMENT FROM ISRAELI SIDE TO ENABLE PEACE PROCESS CONTINUE. ASKED TO COMPARE BEGIN AND WEIZMAN, SADAT DECLINED, BUT ADDED "I LIKE WEIZMAN VERY MUCH AS A MAN. AS I SAID BEFORE, HE IS SINCERE FOR PEACE AS MUCH AS FOR COUNTRY." BEGIN NOT EXPLICITLY DESCRIBED BUT HEADLINES NOTED SADAT'S CHARACTERIZATION OF SETTLEMENTS AS "INSULT". WEIZMAN ASKED INFORM BEGIN EGYPT REJECTS SETTLEMENT POLICY.

2. ISRAEL DEMONSTRATION. PRESS CONTINUES FEATURE WEEKEND DEMONSTRATION PROMINENTLY. ACCORDING FORMIN KAMEL, DEMONSTRATION "A HEALTHY SIGN" THAT SOME IN ISRAEL UNDERSTAND MEANING OF TRUE PEACE, A PEACE NOT BASED ON AGGRESSION AND USURPATION". IN EDITORIAL GUMHURIYYA CLAIMED DEMONSTRATION IS NEW FACTOR WHICH ARABS MUST EXPLOIT. "PAN-ARAB PLAN" REQUIRED TO WIDEN "EXISTING GAP BETWEEN BEGIN'S GOVERNMENT AND THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION."

3. SOUTH LEBANON. PRESS REPORTED FOREIGN MINISTER KAMEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TOLD AMBASSADOR IMMEDIATE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL NECESSARY; URGED WASHINGTON SECURE SUCH WITHDRAWAL PROMPTLY.

4. U.S. HIT. AZIM RAMADAN, FREE LANCE LEFTIST HISTORIAN, CRITICIZED U.S. IN GUMHURIYYA FOR ARMING ISRAEL DESPITE ITS DETERMINATION "EXPAND". CLAIMED EGYPT EXPECTED U.S. PLAY MORE DECISIVE ROLE; CARTER SHOULD HAVE LINKED CONTINUED ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID TO POSITIVE ISRAELI RESPONSE ON COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. IN FACE CONTINUED U.S. WEAPON SUPPLY, WRITER CONCLUDED "CAN WE BLAME OUR PEOPLE IF THEY LOSE CONFIDENCE IN AMERICAN ROLE?". ELTS

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